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SUBJECT: AMIN PROMOTES ARMY OFFICERS; " ISRAELI SPY" ARRESTED

1. GENERAL AMIN HAS ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING MILITARY PROMOTIONS, SAYING THEY WERE RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY SOLDIERS:
COL. NYANGWESO TO BRIGADIER (ALSO NAMED COMMANDER OF THE UGANDA ARMY; HE WAS FORMERLY ACTING COMMANDER);
LT. COL. KILI TO BRIGADIER (FORMERLY OF ORDNANCE DEPOT, NOW APPOINTED CABINET MINISTER TO UNNAMED MINISTRY TO BE DISCLOSED LATER ON);
LT. COL. ALI TO FULL COL. AND NAMED COMMANDER OF SIMBA MECHANIZED BRIGADE (FORMERLY SECOND INFANTRY BRIGADE) WHOSE HEADQUARTERS MOVED FROM MASAKA TO MBARARA (ALI WAS FEATURED IN STROH/ SIEDLE CASE);
LT. COL. OZO TO FULL COL. AND MADE COMMANDER OF FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE, MBALE;
MAJOR MALIYAMUNGU TO LT. COL. AND COMMANDANT SECOND MECHANIZED BRIGADE, MBARARA;
MAJOR ONNA TO LT. COL. AND COMMANDER OF SECOND PARATROOP BATTALION, FORT PORTAL;
MAJOR DOKA TO LT. COL. AND COMMANDER OF SEA AND AIR BORNE BATTALION, TORORO.

2. DURING BRIEFING OF PROMOTED OFFICERS AMIN COUNTERED
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REUTERS REPORT FROM KENYA WHICH CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN BASING
ARMY PROMOTIONS ON RELIGION. GENERAL POINTED OUT THAT FIVE
OF THESE SEVEN OFFICERS NOW BEING PROMOTED ARE CHRISTIANS
(ALL BUT ALI AND DOKA).

3. AMIN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT AN ISRAELI WHO HAD ENTERED
UGANDA DISGUISED AS A TRADER HAD BEEN ARRESTED AS A SPY BY
SECURITY FORCES. AMIN CLAIMED THE ISRAELI ENTERED UGANDA
FOR SUBVERSIVE PURPOSES AND HE THREATENED TO TURN THE " SPY"
(NOW HELD IN A MILITARY JAIL) OVER TO THE BLACK SEPTEMBER
ORGANIZATION. THE ISRAELI HAS NOT BEEN FURTHER IDENTIFIED.
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